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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2004 (Paper No. 30) ("Office Action"), Applicants submit the following remarks.

In the event that extensions of time, other than those provided for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any additional fees for extensions of time, then permission to charge such fees is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.